

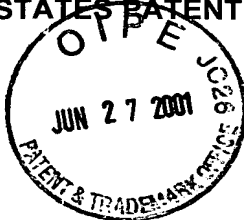
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Generation of Highly Diverse Library of Expression
Vectors via Homologous Recombination in Yeast



Group Art Unit: 1627

Examiner: Prasthofer, T. W.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2001 and Applicants' in-person interview with the Examiner on May 22, 2001. Applicants express their appreciation to the Examiner for the time spent in the interview.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made**". Reconsideration of the above referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

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Please cancel claims 16-18 and 20-22.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method for generating a library of yeast expression vectors, comprising:
transforming into yeast cells
a linearized yeast expression vector having a 5'- and 3'- terminus sequence at the site of linearization, and
a library of insert nucleotide sequences that are linear and double-stranded, each insert sequence comprising
a first nucleotide sequence encoding an antibody heavy chain variable